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Subject: Deep Geological Repositories for Nuclear Waste

Sir:

I am writing as The Chair of The Inverhuron Committee an incorporated entity that represents a large number of citizens who live in the Hamlet of Inverhuron, a sub- set of the Municipality of Kincardine. We are the closest residents to the proposed site of the deep geologic repository so it was in our interest to study this proposal as diligently as possible. We have done that research for about two years and we vehemently oppose this proposal for the sake of future generations in our community and more importantly for the sake of the 40 million citizens who derive their drinking water from the Great Lakes.

We have participated fully in the Joint Review Panel process, presenting to the Panel last October a list of our serious concerns about this project; the short distance from Lake Huron, the lack of best practices relative to long term disposal of nuclear waste, the limestone underpinning at this site, the use of computer modeling as the sole basis for the project, the dirth of engagement of all parties on both sides of the border to get feedback and develop joint policies at the government level relative to making appropriate decisions on the disposal of nuclear waste.

The Mayor and Council of the Municipality of Kincardine have presented the citizens as being a "willing host ". In fact, we are not willing hosts. The town did a telephone survey in January 2005, asking residents if they were in favour of a permanent solution to the Western Waste Management Facility?? None of the seasonal residents were included and only 4,066 the interviewees responded in favour of the question. This survey from a small town of 11,000 residents. The Municipality will receive 35 million dollars in total for their support. The money began to be paid in 2005.

We cannot set this dangerous precedent based on the co-opting of a small Ontario town when the stakes are universally high.

We appreciate the wise actions of the State of Michigan politicians and send our support and appreciation for your efforts!

Mrs. Marti McFadzean